rney's Docket No. <u>33339/206076</u>

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1651** 

**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Laurent Benbadis, et al.

Confirmation No.: 8151

1651

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Examiner:

**Ruth Davis** 

For:

MUTANT LACTOBACILLUS BULGARICUS

STRAINS FREE FROM BETA-GALACTOSIDE ACTIVITY

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

October 17, 2002

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respond to				
	the Office Action dated April 22, 2002.				
2.	Applicant is	a small entity;	other than a small entity.		
3.	Calculation of exter	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):			
	<b>Total Months</b>	Fee For Other	Fee for		
	Requested	Than Small Entity	Small Entity		
	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00		
	two months	\$400.00	\$200.00		
$\boxtimes$	three months	\$920.00	\$460.00		
	four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00		
	five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00		
*Can	not be used to exceed six-n	onth statutory			
limit for response to an Official Action.			Fee Enclosed \$920.00	)	

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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